

24 Practical Ideas

To Make No-Till Soybeans More Profitable

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Tip #1

✓ *Start with a healthy seedbed.*

— *Jim Hershey*

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Tip #2

✓ *Pick proper resistance varieties for your fields.* — *Keith Kemp*

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Tip #3

✓ *Use university and seed company data, along with onfarm yield trials.*

— *Jim Leverich*

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Tip #4

✓ *Use a good liquid inoculant.*

— *Jim Hershey*

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Tip #5

✓ *Use potash properly and consider
pellatized lime in fertility program.*

— *Keith Kemp*

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Tip #6

✓ *Intensively soil sample fields and use variable-rate fertilizer to ensure efficient fertilization.*

— *Jim Leverich*

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Tip #7

✓ ***Purchase seed with an insecticide, fungicide package. — Jim Hershey***

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Tip #8

✓ *Add 2,4-D with glyphosate, and consider using residual herbicides.*

— *Keith Kemp*

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Tip #9

- ✓ ***Plant soybeans in 20-inch rows with a corn planter for even depth control and spacing. — Jim Leverich***

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Tip #10

✓ *Look at LibertyLink as an alternative to Roundup Ready.*

— *Jim Hershey*

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Tip #11

✓ ***No-till beans to save diesel fuel,
equipment costs and improve yields.***

— ***Keith Kemp***

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Tip #12

✓ *Reduce seed populations to 140,000
when using no-till planter.*

— *Jim Leverich*

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Tip #13

✓ *Add starter fertilizer to improve early-season growth.*

— *Jim Hershey*

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Tip #14

✓ *Properly manage residue from prior crop to achieve good stands.*

— *Keith Kemp*

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Tip #15

✓ *Use row cleaners and coulters for improved planter unit performance.*

— *Jim Leverich*

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Tip #16

✓ *Plant short-season varieties early,
long-season varieties late.*

— *Jim Hershey*

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Tip #17

✓ *Make use of foliar feeding.*

— *Keith Kemp*

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Tip #18

- ✓ ***Plant between old corn rows to avoid root crowns, minimize planter bounce.*** — ***Jim Leverich***

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Tip #19

✓ *Maximize soybean yield potential
with foliar-applied products.*

— *Jim Hershey*



Tip #20

✓ *Protect yield with timely applications of fungicides, insecticides.*

— *Keith Kemp*

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Tip #21

✓ *Apply herbicides at proper times to avoid antagonizing soybeans.*

— *Jim Leverich*

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Tip #22

✓ *Pay close attention to combine settings.*

— *Jim Hershey*

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Tip #23

Some grain tables are better than others for improved harvestability.

— Keith Kemp

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Tip #24

***Harvest all that you grow by taking
time to maintain combine, header.***

— Jim Leverich

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Bonus Tip #25

Adjust your seeding populations for short- and long-season varieties.

— Jim Hershey

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Bonus Tip #26

***Take time to scout for pests, apply
crop protection only when necessary.***

— Jim Leverich

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